

## Top ICC Post Held By Father Burns

Rev. Alvin H. Burns, business manager of St. Joseph's College, has been elected president of the Indiana Collegiate Conference. The election took place at a meeting of the I.C.C. held at Butler University on Dec. 4. Father Burns will immediately assume the duties of president, including presiding as chairman at all of the conference meetings. The principal purpose of the meetings will be to set up a system of rules for the conference and to enforce the rules of the North Central Athletic Association.

Father Burns succeeds Dr. Paul Johnson of Indiana State as president of the conference. The term is of one year duration and will terminate in December of 1954. Other officers elected at the meeting were Mr. Dana Schwanholt of Valparaiso University, vice-president; and Dr. W. L. Howard of Butler University, secretary-treasurer. Officers of the conference are at



Rev. Alvin H. Burns

the present time working on a new constitution for the conference. The last official act of the members of the conference was to officially accept DePauw University into the I.C.C.

Schools with membership in the Indiana Collegiate Conference are Ball State Teachers College, Butler University, DePauw University, Evansville College, Indiana State Teachers College, Valparaiso University, and St. Joseph's.

## Papal Blessing Closes Students' Annual Retreat

A High Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, which launched the Papal Marian Year, was also the climax of another retreat at St. Joseph's. Nearly all of the student body received Holy Communion during the close of the spiritual exercise.

Drexel Hall men assembled in the chapel of their hall for all the exercises except the concluding Mass. They were familiarized with the ever important topic of death by their retreat master, Rev. Anthony Suelzer ('35) of Hammond, Ind. Rev. Anthony Traser ('34) from New Cumberland, Pa., talked to the rest of the student body in the main chapel concerning the importance of good works and good habits and the evils of sin. In accordance with the December 8 feast of the Mother of God, Father Traser also spoke of the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

The retreat schedule this year began with a conference Sunday evening and continued through Monday with five more talks. The retreat closed Tuesday after Mass with a short summary of resolutions and the Papal Blessing by Father Traser.



Rev. Anthony Traser gives the apostolic blessing in concluding the retreat held on campus Dec. 7 and 8.

## Christmas Message

The happiest season of the year is upon us: the celebration of the birth of our Savior. All the earth rejoices. And after a spiritual retreat so exemplarily made by you students, surely the joys of Christmas will be great. Erect in your hearts a tree, adorned with the white of Faith, the evergreen of Hope, and the red of Love. Build a crib in your souls and let the Divine Savior "Christmas" there throughout the New Year. Thus the joy of Christmas will be yours in 1954.

Father Gross.

## 160 Good Neighbors Gather On Campus

Approximately 160 friends of St. Joseph's College from Rensselaer and other communities of Jasper County attended a Good Neighbor Banquet last night at the college, where they heard brief talks by Representative Charles Halleck, the Most Rev. John C. Bennett, bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette; Dr. Frank Sparks, president of Wabash College; and the Very Rev. Raphael H. Gross, president of St. Joseph's.

The gathering, arranged as one step in better acquainting St. Joseph's neighbors with the work and ambitions of the college, was the first of its kind in the history of the school. Guests seemed very interested, and proud of the steady progress evident at St. Joseph's.

Bishop Bennett, an alumnus of the college, spoke of his early days here. He stressed the increasing importance of higher education in America if this nation is to combat the evil uses of education in communistic countries. Bishop Bennett also paid high tribute to the priests of the Society of the Precious Blood for the contributed services upon which St. Joseph's growth has depended entirely until the present time.

### Tremendous Advantage

House Majority Leader Charles Halleck, himself a native of Rensselaer, outlined the tremendous advantages to Jasper County in having a college of St. Joseph's caliber located here. Mr. Halleck emphasized the importance of independent colleges' remaining independent. The American way of life, he said, will never be forgotten in such colleges as St. Joseph's.

Dr. Sparks, too, stressed the importance of the independent college and outlined the reasons why such schools all over the country are having increasing difficulty in making financial ends meet. A pioneer in obtaining the help of industrial organizations for this purpose, Dr. Sparks is known throughout the United States for his work.

### Vital Work

Father Gross, whose talk brought the banquet to a close, traced the history of the college and explained the vital work of St. Joseph's in training good, Christian leaders for tomorrow. The further expansion of St. Joseph's is necessary, he made clear, if this work is to keep pace with the expanding need.

The Rev. John M. Lefko, director of the St. Joseph's College Foundation, acted as master-of-ceremonies. Following the banquet, the faculty and guests attended the Wabash-St. Joseph's basketball game in the Collegeville fieldhouse.

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## Columbian Player Open Season

By Buel Adams

The Columbian Players opened their 63rd season with a loud bang (junior-sized bang) last Saturday and Sunday. Outstripping its somewhat pessimistic advance notices, the play combined good acting and faulty mechanics to produce an acceptable creation.

The acting was the stellar point and Jack Carlson and Bob Gregoire were stars among stars. Carlson, perhaps the best in his particular role, was almost flawless. Only a few minor repetitious movements marred a beautiful performance.

Gregoire commanded the stage in the manner of the veteran he is. Some lack of voice control and projection did creep in, but character portrayal was excellent. In his scenes Gregoire played the lights and stage positions as no one else did, dominating them as he went.

The lead, Frank DeSana, demonstrated able qualities, a deft sense of the dramatic—but all in the budding stage. Careful cultivation and direction should produce within a year's time a definite leading character. DeSana was weakest in dramatic scenes, especially his monologues. Comedy and fast repartee were done well. Facial mobility—excellent.

Ed Stepan blustered creditably through TJ's role. Gifted with an excellent voice, Stepan was addicted to poor enunciation and stereotyped and conventional gestures. Again here, proper handling and coaching would produce a comedy character of note.

Ed Hebda was letter perfect in all but hand movements. Convinced apparently that he could not use them gracefully, he contented himself with planting them in a certain position and maintaining that position for long periods of time. In voice, stage presence, and movement, Hebda is ready now for bigger roles.

Terry Flynn was weak in an ill-suited character. With movements and voice lacking authority, he did not make the major livable. More work must be done; still he is an embryonic talent.

Staging was rather poor and inconsistent. Lighting, especially for the two outer scenes, was abominable; the jungle scene was fair, but hardly suggesting realism. The use of the same scenery for two supposedly different jungle sites was confusing. Sound was acceptable the second night, costumes passable, publicity weak.

## Condolence

Our condolences to the Revs. Marcellus M. Dreiling and Boniface R. Dreiling on the death of their mother.

## Band, Glee Club Join In Christmas Concert

The Christmas spirit was officially ushered into St. Joe Monday night, when the Glee Club and Band presented their annual Christmas Concert.

### Glee Club Sings At Bears' Game

The Chicago Bears-Chicago Cardinals football game presented the St. Joseph's Glee Club with an opportunity for its fifth public performance of the season. The singers were on hand for the pre-game activity at which time they gave their rendition of "Silent Night," and followed this with the Bears' "Fight Song."

During the halftime ceremonies, the Bears' "Fight Song" was repeated, along with "The Carol of the Bells." Arrangements for this performance were handled by Rev. Richard Baird.

The Glee Club also sang for the Good Neighbor banquet held in the school cafeteria on Dec. 9.

## 120 Puma Cows On The Mooove

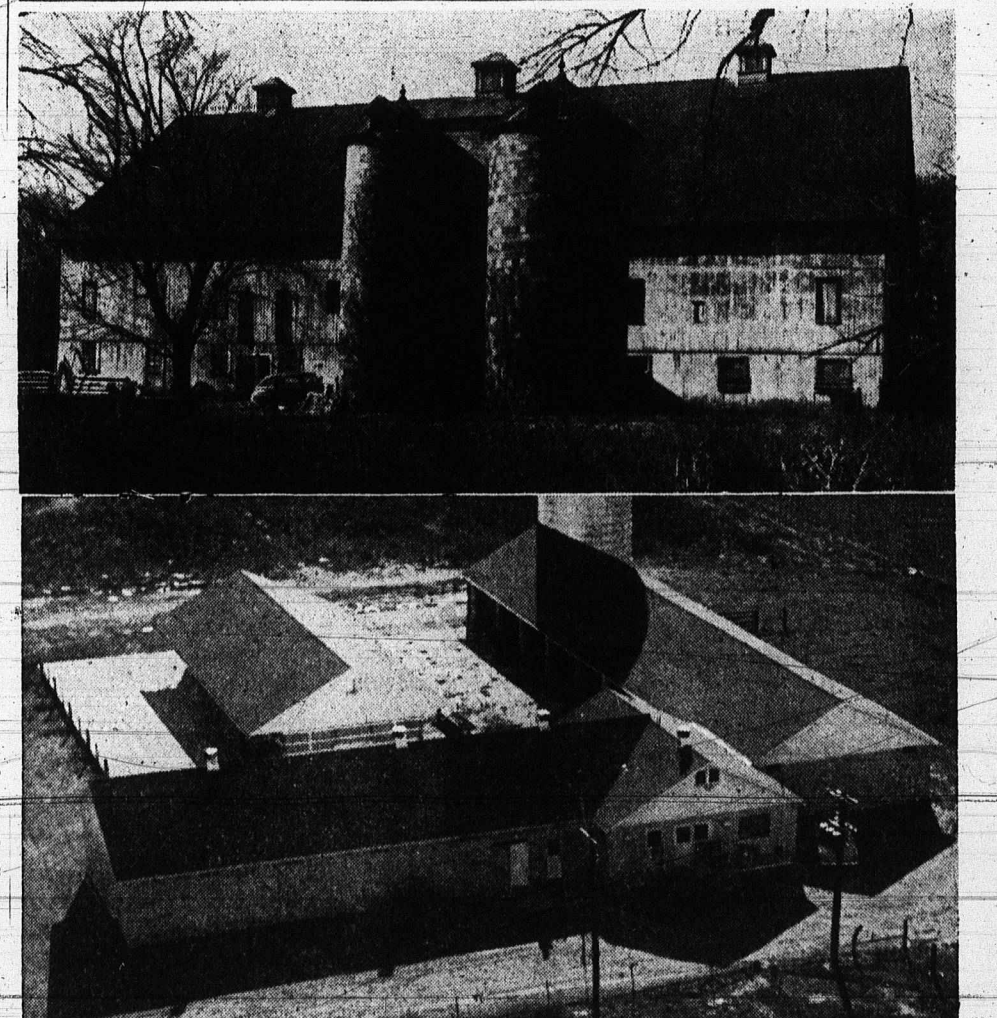
By Bill Feely

"Moo, Moo, MooooooOQ." . . . St. Joe's dairy barn is now officially open. A throng of several hundred people came from all parts of Indiana and its neighboring states to view this, the utmost in modern dairy procedure, at the opening ceremonies, Dec. 4 and 5.

The new structure is of the loafing shed, milk parlor type. To those unacquainted with dairy barns, this means that any of the college's 120 cows loafs and lives under a three-sided shed open to pasture the entire year, and goes into her parlor twice a day to get milked. Under the new system the milk is not exposed to the open air till it reaches the college cafeteria. From the 'automatic milkers' the milk goes directly by pipe to the pasteurizing room. After pasteurization it is cooled and further routed to the familiar ten gallon cans, after which it is transported to the cafeteria where the student body makes good use of Bessie's wholesome product.

After a long period of research, in cooperation with the engineers and dairy specialists at Purdue University, the construction of the new dairy plant was started early last summer. Plans were drawn and contracting supervised by the staff of St. Joe's, spearheaded by Rev. Joseph A. Otte, Mr. Richard Vollmer, and Mr. Luc Delvaux.

Economy of construction and efficiency of operation are the goals achieved throughout. In making the structure the builders not only made it one of the most modern in the



The old and the new in dairy barns on the St. Joe campus is shown by the above pictures. The new dairy plant was opened to the public for the first time early in December.

state but also one of the most workable. The cost of the entire building was approximately \$53,000.

One of the innovations of the structure is an observation corridor through which one can watch the milking process in operation

through a plate glass window. The public is invited to use this facility. So if you have some free time, take a walk over to St. Joe's new milk parlor and watch 'Bessie' and a modern milking process in operation.



## Carols of Many Countries Tell Story of Christmas

An angel appeared to a group of shepherds some 2000 years ago, and told them of good tidings of great joy. There was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts singing "Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis." And these few lucky shepherds were the only mortals to hear the angels singing the first Christmas carol.

Since that first Christmas in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, man has feebly tried to reproduce the sound of the angels singing the first Gloria.

### Authentic Carols

The authentic Christmas carols of all times, and peoples keep strictly to the story told in the Gospel of St. Luke, which has three distinct points: The words of the angel of the Lord; the choir of the multitudes of angels; and the reactions of the shepherds. There are carols and hymns pertaining to the "good tidings and great joy," the birth of Christ the Lord. Then there are the carols promising "peace to men of good will." And finally, there are carols describing the reaction of the shepherds on that wonderful night.

The practice of singing during the Christmas season can be traced back to the early centuries of Christianity. It is the oldest of the Christmas folk customs. And the vivid description in some of the early carols led to the dramatization of the events. And, for this reason, we can find many early Christmas dramas.

### Mystery Plays

It was particularly through these dramas, termed Mystery plays in Church history, that the practice of singing at Christmas time spread throughout the world.

Christmas is predominantly a religious feast in France, with some gifts exchanged on the feast of Epiphany. Midnight Mass is attended by great crowds and is celebrated with great solemnity. Group singing in the streets of the city highlights the celebration. Noel signifies a carol in France. In some parts of the country, young people still dress as shepherds and shepherdesses for the celebration.

The re-creation of the crib scene is accredited to St. Francis of Assisi. In the year 1223, St. Francis prepared the first of the crib scenes which were destined to become a very vital part of the Christmas celebration of the world. It became the custom in Italy for the people to gather around the crib on Christmas eve and sing carols commemorating the birth of Christ. This custom of singing around the crib is still very much alive in Italy, Bavaria, France, Spain, and Mexico.

### Christmas in Poland

"Kolendy" is the term for the carol in Poland. It is the custom of this country to sing their carols in the home on Christmas eve.

In America, we celebrate the feast of Christmas very much like the people in other countries. And we do have certain carols which are similar, if not identical, to those sung in other countries. Actually, some of our carols are adapted from the carols of other lands. For example the carol *Silent Night*, written by Franz Gruber in the early 19th century, is sung throughout many countries. It was first performed to the accompaniment of a guitar, on Dec. 24, 1818, in Salzburg, Austria. And from this humble start, it has become the most popular Christmas carol in the world. Other carols, such as *Adeste Fideles*, are also sung in many countries.

### Current Carols

From this brief conspectus, it can be made clear that most of our current, so-called carols are not carols at all. Songs like "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," and "32 Feet and 8 Little White Tails," "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer" are certainly not in a class with "Silent Night" and "Adeste Fideles." They are worldly, material, and sometimes even sexy. And they are about as far removed from the spirit of Christmas as can be.

May you all have a joyful and blessed Christmas: a Christmas flavored with carols, real carols celebrating God's greatest gift to men of hungry hearts.

## Good Drivers Share Cost Of Irresponsible Few

If any of you enterprising young college men have recently purchased a car, you probably received quite a shock when you applied for automobile insurance. Insurance rates for those in the college age group are higher now than ever before.

American Magazine lists the following as causes for the increased rates: falsified garage bills, extravagant jury awards for minor injuries, inflated prices, and young, irresponsible drivers. These four causes are forcing the insurance companies to pay tremendous sums of money for accident coverage. The insurance companies, in turn, increase the rates of insurance for their 20 million clients throughout the country.

### Lost Money

Last year, the American insurance companies collected three billion dollars in premiums and still lost money because of these four causes. The immediate result of this is twofold. First of all, the companies are actually refusing prospective clients and, secondly, the rates have skyrocketed.

What can we do to improve the situation? We, perhaps, could improve the fourth cause mentioned: young, irresponsible drivers.

Of course we know that there are no young, irresponsible drivers on the St. Joe campus. Everyone at Collegeville is a perfect driver. And if you don't believe it, ask some of your classmates. But if all of you perfect drivers would pass on some of this information to the less experienced drivers of your acquaintance, some good may be accomplished.

### High Speeds

Tell your friends that more than half of all the traffic deaths are

caused by high speeds. And mention that the rate of traffic deaths are higher in the states with higher speed limits. You can also tell them that defective brakes are the greatest mechanical hazards to safe driving.

With the holiday season coming on, it might be worthwhile to remind your friends that it is possible to mix alcohol with almost anything but driving. A safe rule to remember would be "If you drive, don't drink. And if you drink, don't drive."

### Snow and Ice

Winter is the season of snow, ice, and bad roads. There have been many devices invented to combat winter driving, but the greatest safety device is still caution.

But most important, be sure to remind your friends that a careless driver is the worst road hazard. Young drivers have an unenviable driving record; an accident record of 50 percent above the average for all drivers. They should be the nation's best drivers; they have the necessary physical equipment for good driving. They should be the best, but they are the worst. Why?

### Just A Few

It is a few smart aces, show-off drivers, who have given the younger group of drivers a bad record. Young people have a real stake in improving this record and in correcting the erroneous attitude of the reckless drivers in their group. One of the most effective methods of improving the attitude of these poor drivers is through the constructive suggestions of their classmates or their friends. So why don't all you perfect drivers tell your friends to be a little more careful when they are driving. A little care may save a life.

## Pope Pius XII Dedicates Year To Virgin Mary

By John Good

The celebration of a Marian Year has been officially proclaimed by His Holiness, Pius XII, to be held from Dec. 8, 1953 to Dec. 8, 1954. The purposes of this celebration are stated in the Pope's encyclical letter, *Fulgens Corona* (The Shining Crown). The main reason is to mark the occasion of the first centenary of the definition of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Pius IX.

It is hoped that this will be an occasion for a more clear explanation of this doctrine, a time of increasing faith of the people, and an aid in the development of the devotions to the Blessed Virgin. Appropriate sermons and discourses in addition to public Marian devotions and pilgrimages are strongly encouraged.

### Foundation in Scripture

In writing on the declaration of the dogma and its heavenly confirmation at the grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes, the Holy Father discusses its foundation in Sacred Scripture and Christian tradition. Its declaration and sanction by the Council of Ephesus against the heresy of Nestorius are also mentioned. The reasonableness of the belief, and its fostering the writings of Church Doctors through the centuries are still further points included.

Recalling to mind the definition of the dogma of the "corporal Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven" which he proclaimed in the Apostolic Letter "Munificentissimus Deus," issued towards the close of the 1950 Holy Year, the Pontiff points out that "the two dogmas are intimately connected in close bond. And now that the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven has been promulgated and shown in its true light—that is, as the crowning and complement of the prior privilege bestowed upon her—there emerge more fully and more clearly the wonderful wisdom and harmony of the Divine Plan, by which God wishes the most blessed Virgin Mary to be free from all stain of original sin."

### Special Indulgences

Catholics will be given extensive opportunities to gain special plenary and partial indulgences during the Marian Year. A plenary indulgence may be gained by the faithful on the opening and the closing day of the Marian Year. Besides the usual conditions the requisites demand a visit and devout prayer at a church built in honor of the Virgin Mary, or, if in mission lands, in a Church or chapel dedicated to the Mother of God.

A plenary indulgence may also be gained on the same conditions on the Feast of Mary's Nativity on September 8, the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25, the Feast of the Assumption on Aug. 15, and the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin on Sept. 15.

### Church Visit

The plenary indulgence on the opening and closing days of the Marian Year, and on the other specified feast days, may be gained as often as a visit is made to a Marian church and prayers are said for the Pope's intentions. In addition the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions:—On all Saturdays of the year.

—Every time they take part in a pilgrimage to a Marian shrine.

—Every time they devoutly assist at a function in honor of the Virgin and have fulfilled the usual conditions. Those who assist at such pious acts but have not fulfilled the conditions for a plenary indulgence may gain a partial indulgence of ten years, provided they are of contrite heart.

During the Marian Year all altars dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be privileged in favor of every deceased Christian for whom Mass is offered by any priest whatever. (A privileged altar is one at which a plenary indulgence may be gained for a soul in Purgatory by the celebration and application of a Mass.)



"Who ever heard of two people playing spin-the-bottle?"

## BILLSTUFF

By Bill Feely

Seeing that the most loved of all holiday seasons is but a week in the offing, I suppose I should fill this week's column with tales of Santa Claus, reindeer, and mistletoe. But not being a writer of the Charles Dickens variety, I shall make no attempt to instill in my readers such information. In my estimation only one point needs mentioning. There has been a trend in recent years to 'Put Christ back in Christmas.' To me it seems like a good idea.

Speaking of religious affairs, I notice that Time magazine carries a lengthy story on Pope Pius XII in its Dec. 14 issue. Aside from the fact that it calls the Blessed Virgin a radical in the minds of many Catholics, and quite simply states that the papacy has often been corrupt, it is a well written Protestant treatment of the subject about which, religiously speaking, the author evidently knows little or nothing. As a life history it is marvelous, but that's about all.

**Definition of the week:** Bachelor—A man who hears the pitter-patter of little feet at night, gets up, and sets a mouse trap.

**Jazz in Soviet Russia** is considered very uncool, but there still remains a trace, according to the wife of an Associated Press correspondent who recently left there. Late at night in Moscow restaurants, brave orchestras, filled with vodka, will give out with a quiet "Tea for Two" or "Chattanooga Choo-Choo," providing the secret police are not present. Another politically unsafe number, allowed only because it maintained to be anti-American, is the depression hit, "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?"

**Joke of the week:** (Told to me by my fiancée, don't blame me.) Pat. There are now only six days in a week. Mike. How's that? Pat. Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Mike. What happened to Friday? Pat. He's out on a case. Dum De Dum Dum.

If there is a definite dislike for the jokes found in this column, I might remind you that STUFF is censored. Until the time comes when St. Joe will be able to put out a paper of comparable quality to that great literary work of a certain large midwestern university, we'll all have to suffer.

**Odds'n Ends:** Fred Handler and Bob Wasni, official cheerleaders at the DePauw basketball game . . . Mr. Davis, geology prof., currently drilling for oil . . . Duke Meinert ('53), Maynard (Chico) Gamber ('53), and Oscar Testa ('55) recently on campus . . . Pinky Pastrick ('53) now owns an undertaking parlor in East Chicago . . . Ed Stepan receiving the shock of his life in upper West Seifert . . . Kids from Hoosiertown cheering 'Uncle Willie' Kellogg . . . One of the cool cats from DePauw asked Bob (Monk) Brandt this question, "Is Rensselaer a boys' school?" . . . Bill Ehrhart and Larry (Lardo) Stricklin, waiting for three years to get their name in the paper . . . Commerce Club getting Christmas candles from Standard Oil . . . New course offered next semester as stated on the list given out by Fr. Pax, Mathematics??—to be arranged . . . Ray Schuessler getting engaged . . . Frank Molson informing me that Ed Byrne, my noble predecessor, is to return to Collegeville next semester . . . Econ. prof. Gomez seeing snow for the first time . . . Rep. Halleck and Bishop Bennett at the Wabash basketball game . . . The Ranch House opening its new addition . . . The Junior Prom promising to be the biggest, best, greatest ever . . . Ed Arenz, Al LaTorra, Brian McCarty, Ken Ryan, and Joe Kneip finding an ingenious way to sneak into the wrestling matches only to be followed by several others . . . Grant Shufflitowski picking the wrong window to sneak into during the grunt and groan extravaganza . . . Owen Weitzel back on the weed again, has decided to smoke L&M's . . . Matt Herriges taking a trip to the woods, St. Mary's, that is . . . John Dennis driving around in a '53 Ford Country Squire . . . The men of lower East Seifert chasing mice in the corridors . . . John Pryes finally passing a trig test . . . Vince Battaglia losing two dates on the same evening . . . Bill Feely signing off.

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# Anderson 77-71 Victims Of Collegeville Cagers

By Jim Booth

The St. Joe netters opened their 1953 basketball season the night of Nov. 24 by beating the Anderson Ravens 77-71. The thrill-packed contest was held before a capacity crowd in the Collegeville fieldhouse.

During the first half, the lead

## Scharfmen Take 87-73 Contest From Illinois Tech

St. Joe bounced back from its first loss of the season by whipping Illinois Tech 87-73. Chet Pilat and Don Merki, with 20 and 19 points respectively, paced the Puma attack.

The Scharfman jumped to an early lead and held the first quarter edge 16-15. Willie Kellogg's fine ball handling and Pilat's rebounding were the initial factor in the early St. Joe surge. The Techawks kept within range by collecting 19 markers before halftime, but the Pumas maintained a 39-34 advantage at the intermission.

After a slow first half the Collegeville five caught fire as Don Merki's hook shots found the range. Timely long shots by Tim O'Brien and Kellogg added to the fast-moving Puma machine.

Joe Byerwalter combined seven field goals with six free throws to lead the losers with 20 points. Tech forward Ed Thullen hit for 17 markers.

St. Joseph's cashed in on 30 of 92 field shots for 33 per cent. Tech hit the hoop at a 41 per cent clip but managed only 61 shots.

St. Joseph (87)

	fg	ft	pf
Boff	1	2	3
Merki	5	9	3
Pilat	6	8	3
Kellogg	4	2	4
O'Brien	6	2	2
Hackman	2	0	0
McNulty	0	0	1
O'Rourke	1	3	4
MacCarthy	2	0	3
Noll	1	0	1
Horn	1	1	0

changed hands several times, as the Pumas' first string, composed of Don Merki, Bernie Boff, Chet Pilat, Timmy O'Brien, and Willie Kellogg, would give no ground to the impetuous Ravens. The end of the first period found the Pumas on top of a 15-13 score; however, at the half, Anderson regained a slight lead, and the score stood 33-30, with the Pumas on the short end.

Willie Kellogg, who paced the Pumas' victory, while chalking up 19 points, tied the score early in the third quarter with a half court set shot. The score then stood at 40 apiece.

Timmy O'Brien was fouled as he drove in for a lay up. The basket was good, and he added the free throw, putting the Pumas on top, 46-44.

Ed O'Rourke, a six foot, six inch substitute center, tallied for the Pumas as the buzzer sounded, ending the third period. The Collegeville quintet was then out in front to stay, by a score of 53-47.

Both teams then scored several times. One Puma tally came when center Chet Pilat swished a set shot from half court.

Substitute Puma guard John Tully then stole the ball from Anderson, and tallied, making the score 71-69 in favor of St. Joe.

Pumas' forward Don Merki, who led the St. Joe scoring with 20 points, including 12 free throws, added two one pointers in the last period to make the score St. Joe 73, Anderson 69.

Bernie Boff, who captained the Puma victory, also added a free shot late in the game.

Dwyer	0	0	0
Zid	0	0	0
Eiferd	1	0	0

Ill. Tech (73)

	fg	ft	pf
Paulsen	3	2	3
Thullen	7	3	4
Byerwalter	7	6	5
Grant	3	5	4
Christiansen	1	2	2
Moran	1	1	2
Warshawsky	1	1	3
Mels	0	1	0
Larson	2	1	5
Budai	0	1	0
Kearley	0	0	0

# Pumatters

By Dick Obergfell

In the 1952-53 basketball season St. Joe lost only two games at home and both by one point. Loras eked out a 70-69 win and Great Lakes sneaked by 71-70. The Pumas literally won the conference at home. St. Joe had a 6-2 record when high-ranked Butler came to Collegeville for an ICC tilt. The Bulldogs were thoroughly trounced by a 72-57 score. From then on Coach Scharf's cagers couldn't be beaten at home. St. Joe had a 13-10 record; ten of the victories were at home. If the Pumas could have clicked as well on the road they would not have had to share the crown with Butler.

But that was last year and nothing can be done about it now. Although if the Pumas are going to repeat or improve last year's record they will have to win on the home court. The record this far is two wins and four setbacks; one of the losses was a 76-60 lacing by Wabash on the home court. The Cavemen had a good squad, but they are not considered one of the top teams of the schedule. It was a close contest for the first three periods but the Pumas couldn't keep up with the fast-breaking Wabash squad. The locals seemed to tire and they fell apart in the final period.

Don Merki leads the Scharfmen with a 19.8 average, scoring 99 points for five games. Willie Kellogg holds a 15.0 mark by dumping in 75 points in as many contests. But statisticwise the Pumas are way below par for the first five games. St. Joe has fired 436 times, connecting only on 125 attempts for a weak .287 average. Chet Pilat, who has been doing most of the teams' work under the boards, holds a 9.2 average.

Coach Tony Hinkle of Butler was chosen Coach of the Year in the ICC. Coach Hinkle's squad won the league with a 5-0 mark, set new records in total offense, total defense, rushing offense, and team scoring. They placed six men on the All-Conference team.

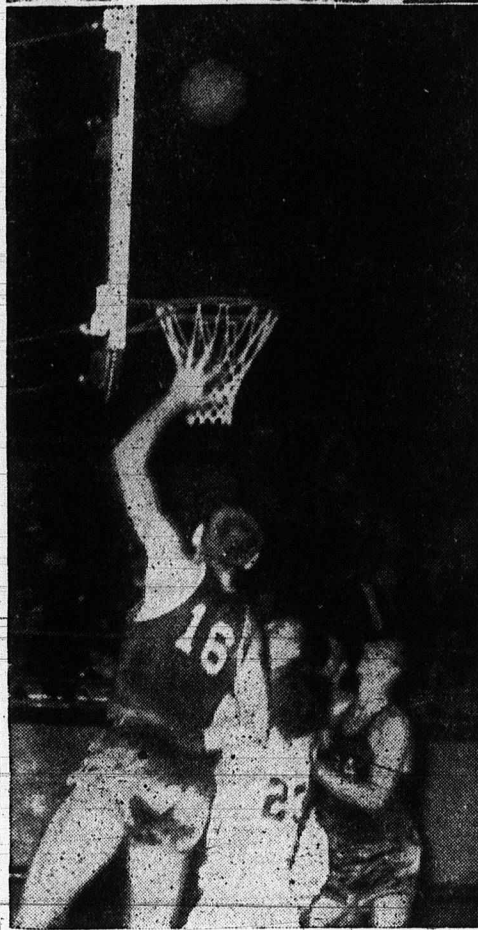
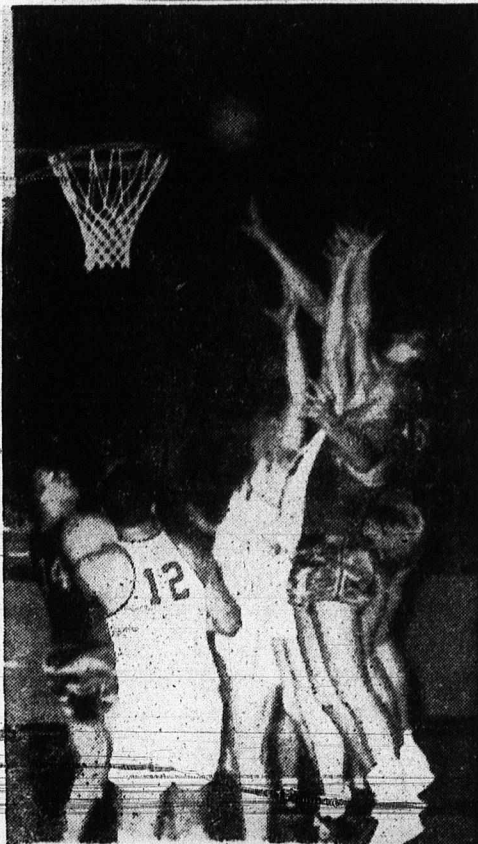
Two new conference records were set this year on the gridiron and both were against St. Joe. Indiana State's fullback, Glen Tyler, set one when he intercepted a Bill Zimmer aerial and covered 68 yards with the stolen pigskin. In the same contest Dave Birnes flipped a 68-yard non-scoring pass to end Jerry Long to establish another mark. Ex-Puma griddier, Don Schubert, '51, holds the record for the longest non-scoring kickoff return—55 yards.

A recent ICC meeting was attended by Coaches Joseph Pawlowski and James Beane. Some outstanding matters settled were the drawing up of the coming baseball schedule and next year's football program, the ICC tennis meet held at St. Joe, the track and golf schedules, and the OK of spring football training.

Basketballer Terry "Two Points" McCarthy lost his nickname by dropping in two buckets against Illinois Tech. Fred Handler and Bob Wasni have switched their interest to basketball by acting as cheerleaders during the DePauw game. It was all to no avail as the Tigers whipped St. Joe 68-64.

## St. Joe Loses

The Pumas dropped their second ICC game to Evansville 68-64. St. Joe was leading 64-63 with a minute remaining when the Aces hit a field goal and added a charity toss. Don Merki led all scorers with 21 points. Chet Pilat combined five field goals with five free throws for 15 markers.



Above: Chet Pilat, Don Merki, and Bernie Boff battle for a rebound in the Alumni game. Below: Bernie Boff, (No. 16) hooks a left handed shot towards the basket in the same game.

## Illinois Wesleyan Tramples Pumas 89-73 In Out Of State Contest

An ineffective first-half defense on the part of the St. Joe Pumas enabled a tall Illinois Wesleyan quintet to defeat the Pumas 89-73 Dec. 7 at Bloomington, Ill., home of the Titans.

After Don Merki had scored on a close-up shot in the first minute to give St. Joe a 2-0 lead, the Scharfmen were never in the game. Wesleyan broke to a 10-2 margin, saw it cut to 12-11, and then proceeded to widen the gap by lay-ups from an unguarded position. Time and again, the Titans tallied with a fast three-on-one break until the Puma defense jelled late in the first half. But by then the damage had been done.

Wesleyan led 24-17 at the first quarter and 49-34 at the half. During the second period, stellar guard Tim O'Brien suffered a pulled leg muscle and was forced to leave the contest, Bernie Horn subbing and tallying three quick baskets within a minute and a half.

Coach Dick Scharf emptied the bench in an effort to stop the Illini. Suffering from a weak forward slot after Chet Pilat had fouled out, Scharf used 14 players, eight of whom figured in the scoring.

St. Joe was led by Merki and Willie Kellogg, who accounted for 51 of the 73 Puma points between them, Merki nailing 26 and Kellogg one less. Third man for St. Joe was

## St. Joseph Faces DePauw, Valpo In ICC Tilts

The Pumas will have their chances to get back on the ICC bandwagon immediately following the Christmas recess. Coach Scharf's cagers will meet DePauw in the Collegeville fieldhouse on Jan. 6. It is the second meeting of the two teams this year. The Cardinals of Ball State will play host to St. Joe just ten days later.

## Xavier Gridders End Season With Annual Tilt

Basketball has been slow in getting under way at Xavier, but it hasn't been noticed. The minds and bodies of the men have been too busy with the annual class game—the minds in preparing for the game, and the bodies in recovering from an assortment of bumps and bruises, which are bound to be received in a hard-fought football game.

Football was reborn at Xavier Hall for one day, and the sixth year cagers took advantage of this opportunity to cloak itself with glory. Captain Cletus O'Drobinak had a well-balanced attack that was just too much for the younger set.

The fifth year men drew first blood in the first quarter when Gene Torisky, quarterback and captain, hit Mark Krabbe with a pass for the first score. Mark made a fine catch to turn an apparently incomplete pass into a touchdown. Cromie missed the extra point pass, and the youngsters owned a slim six-point lead.

At this time the old pros decided to put a stop to the lackadaisical play. A determined drive downfield ended when Kalicky, sixth year quarterback, found Jack Miller open in the end zone. Monnin broke through to block the extra point and the fifth year men breathed easily again.

However, O'Drobinak's men now smelled victory in the crisp air, and on the first play after the kick-off the defensive line broke through to smear Eisenman, fifth year right half, in the end zone for a safety. Halftime score was 8-6 in favor of the sixth year squad.

The third quarter was fought near the midfield stripe, with neither team able to break the other's defense. Such line stalwarts as Kuzy, Dues, Hoyng, Dirksen, and Hoy for the fifth year team, and Porter,

nals of Ball State will play host to St. Joe just ten days later.

The Scharfmen travel to the Hammond Civic Center Dec. 18 to tackle Great Lakes in the only game played during the holidays. Great Lakes, led by Carl McNulty, former Purdue All-American, whipped the Pumas 70-69 last year. Loras and Great Lakes were the only quintets successful against the Pumas at home last year.

The DePauw Tigers invade the Puma stronghold in the first post-vacation tilt. This is the first year for DePauw in ICC play and they started out in grand style by winning their first three conference tilts. The Collegeville five will be out to avenge a 68-64 lacing handed them by the Tigers at Greencastle in the league curtain raiser for both squads. This would be an excellent chance for the Pumas to start piling up the conference wins.

Don Bielke will lead the Valpo Crusaders against the Pumas on Jan. 9 on the Crusaders home ground. Bielke, a big, fast, rugged center, who runs the high hurdles in 15.4 seconds and the 100-yard dash in 10.3, was voted the most valuable player in the Indiana Collegiate Conference last year.

The 6' 8", 225-pound pivot man dumped in 424 points for a 17.7 average last year. This included a 40-point output against Villanova in the last game of the season. The loss of high scoring forward, Tom Plinke, will be felt greatly by the Crusaders.

A tall Ball State team will play host to the Collegeville five on Jan. 16. The Cardinals had a .500 mark last year, including a 4-6 record in league play.

Norm Edwards, Jim Harris, Stan Davis all stand at 6' 3" and Dale Harris, 6' 2", compose the nucleus of the Cardinal five. The other regular is Jack Cross, a 5' 10" guard. Cross was the leading scorer for the squad last year and was voted to the All-Conference team.

The Pumas whipped Ball State twice last year by 78-72 and 80-78 scores.

Kleman, Gerding, Kettleson, Novotny for the winners made advance possible. But late in the final period after Cavalli's injury had weakened the fifth year line, Kalicky cocked his arm again and shut the door on the losers for good. His receiver this time was Lee Flaherty. Just to spread the points as evenly as possible, Captain O'Drobinak passed the extra point to Hoyng, making the final score 15-6 with the sixth year class on top.

## Teams Advance In IM Tourney

St. Joseph's intramural basketball tournament is rapidly drawing to a close with two teams having already moved into the semifinal round with two more teams to follow. The Basketeers and the Blacksheep are the two teams to make the semi-final round, each having won two games.

The Bulldogs and the Hungry Quintet play tomorrow at 4:15, and

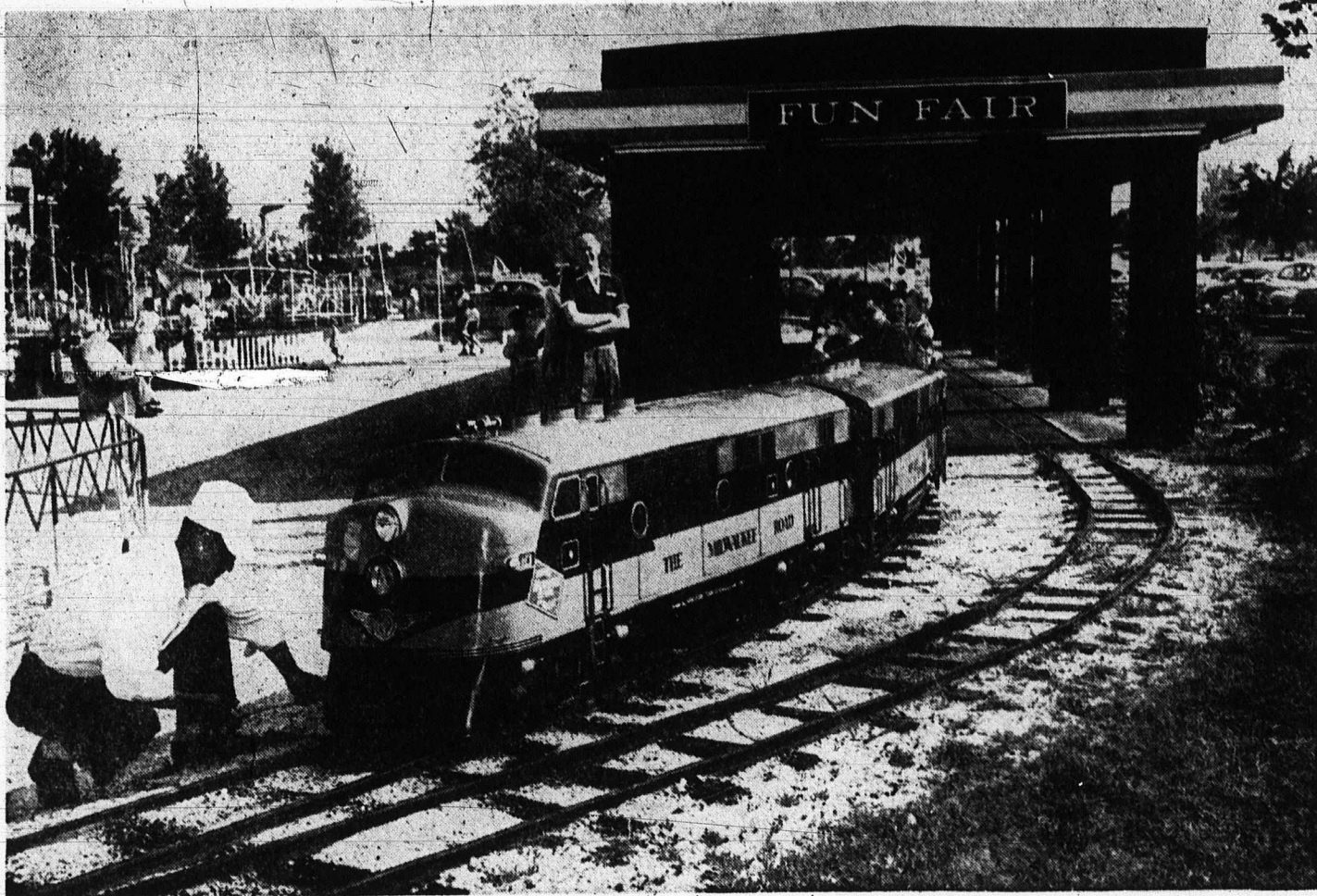
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I HEAR COACH HAD ME GLASS BACKBOARDS PUT IN FOR PILAT'S NEW SHOT

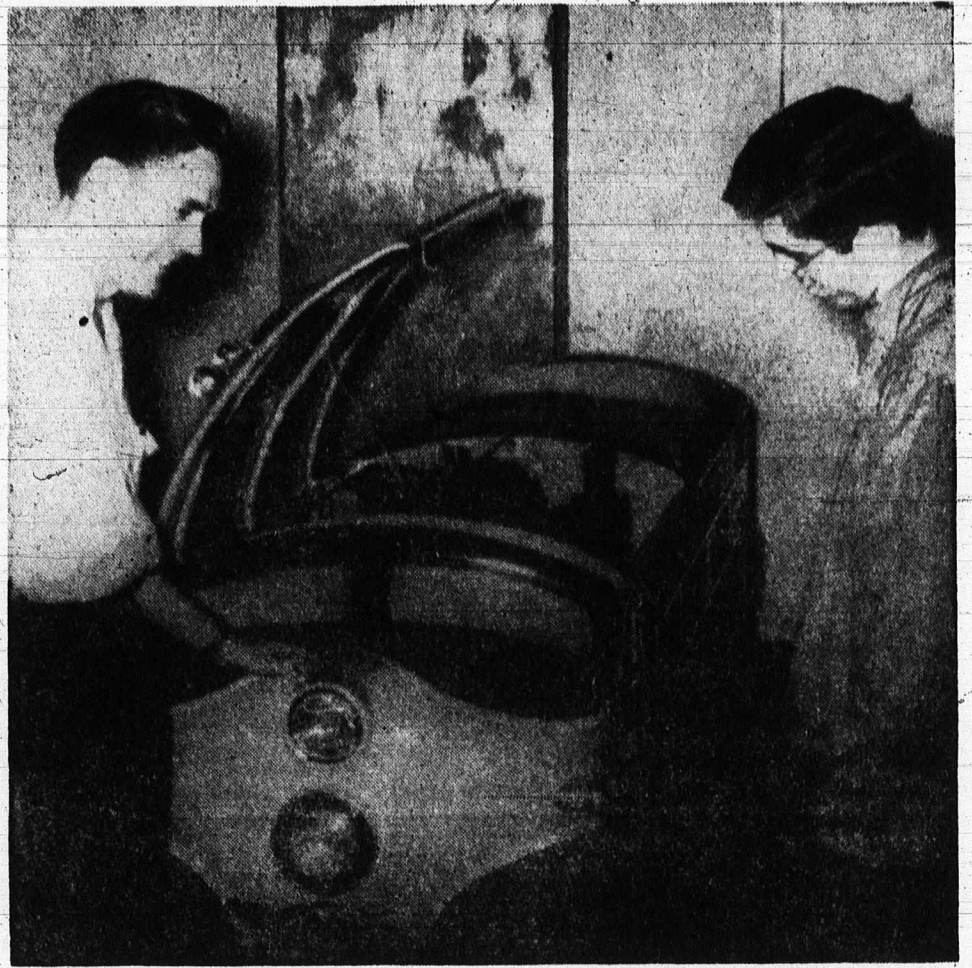


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Pictured above is the "Milwaukee Road," a model produced by the Miniature Train Company of Rensselaer, Ind. The model is now in use at the amusement park in Skokie, Illinois.



STUFF reporter John White is shown with Mr. George Moses, an official of the Miniature Train Company of Rensselaer, Ind.

## Rensselaer Factory Home Of Miniature Diesel Locomotives

By John White

Drive around the suburbs or through the parks of any sizable American city today, and it is certain that you will see a Lilliputian train pulling its passengers, both children and adults, around a well laid out right of way.

Step a little nearer and you will see that these trains are actual scale models of their larger cousins, the modern diesel streamliners. Diesel and passenger cars, tracks, signals, crossings, switches, and all accessories are reproduced faithfully from the real thing. The two are exact in every detail except size.

Here, then, is Rensselaer's claim to fame. Chances are that this equipment was manufactured in the modern plant of the Miniature Train Company of Rensselaer. More than 22,000 feet of factory space is allotted to the manufacture of the dwarf diesels. Only the most efficient machines and production methods are used in the factory.

### Began as Hobby

Begun in the early '30's by Mr. P. A. Sturtevant of Chicago, who decided as a hobby to build for his son a train to ride around the yard at his home. For two years, Mr. Sturtevant worked on his original train until it was finally completed.

The popularity of the train was overwhelming. Children from blocks away flocked to ride on it. Then, in 1932, the State St. store for Sears, Roebuck & Company, in Chicago, consented to display the train. It proved to be a tremendous attraction for the youngsters who happened to be Christmas shopping with their parents.

Impressed by the success of the train, Mr. Sturtevant began a phase of his business that is still going strong. There are now 30 trains operated by the company in stores all over the country during the Christmas season; eight or ten at at Easter. These trains alone

haul a greater amount of passengers than many of our major railroads which operate all year round. These trains average 1,250,000 junior-sized passengers a year.

### Outdoor Model

In the late '30's, the company began research into the development of a model which would be able to run outdoors. There were problems of installation and insulation; furthermore, the trains would have to convert to gas engines. The research was broken up a short while later with the outbreak of the war.

At the end of the hostilities, Mr. Sturtevant and his general manager, Mr. R. D. Robertson approached the Electro Motive Division of General Motors, and induced the executives to loan the company working drawings of a new diesel electric locomotive. The diesel itself was then only on the drawing board, but so well produced was the model that it was awarded the General Motors Badge of Honor.

With a working force of 60 people, this company, since the end of the war when it moved to Rensselaer, has produced a total of more than 500 of its scaled-down trains. It averages a total production of 75 to 100 trains a year, with a gross of \$500,000.

The company's trains have been shipped all over the world; it has trains running in Columbia, Guatemala, Mexico, Canada, Cuba, Hawaii, and South Africa.

### New Uses

The company is continually dreaming up new uses for its products, and designing new layouts for its railroads. Some of the trains are located in Drive-in theaters, one is outside a supermarket, and more are planned for shopping centers to transport customers from parking lots to the stores.

Further indorsements are made by the major railroads who jump at

## Freshmen Eager For Holiday Fun

Fifteen freshmen were asked the question, "What are you looking forward to the most over the Christmas holidays?" The answers appear below:

**Rich Michalik:** I am looking forward to two-and-one-half weeks with my one and only—my girl, that is.

**Ronald Frey:** The thing I am looking forward to the most is finishing that d-n term paper.

**George Nowik:** I can't wait to go home so I can sleep in a bed for once.

**Jim Hermiller:** Just going home! That is the only thing I am looking forward to.

**Ed Fox:** I am looking forward to seeing feline footprints on the beach. (Sandy Claws).

**Jerry Pabst:** Sitting on Santa's knee. This boy has just got to go! —Ed.

the opportunity of displaying their insignia and colors on the trains, after they cooperate with the train purchasers in setting up and maintaining the track layouts.

For example, the Santa Fe railroad sent a surveyor to the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, to supervise the grading of the roadbed of the model layout. A railroad section gang laid the rail, and a Santa Fe maintenance expert inspects the rails and ties every two weeks.

General manager Robertson recognizes that some day the market for miniature trains will be saturated, but he doesn't expect that to happen very soon.

"We thought that would happen years ago, when most amusement parks got trains," he said. "Then along came the 'kiddielands' and a whole new market opened up. Maybe something else like that will happen again."

Nevertheless, company engineers and designers are already planning new types of entertainment equipment to be ready when the present demand for trains drops off. Mr. Robertson won't reveal the nature of this new equipment, except to say that they will be other types of rides for children and adults.

But he did say that as long as the demand holds out, the Miniature Train Company of Rensselaer will be continually producing their diminutive diesels.

## Reminder

All students are urged to complete their pre-registration form for the second semester and return them to the office of the Registrar before leaving campus for the Christmas vacation.

## Brother Marks Silver Jubilee

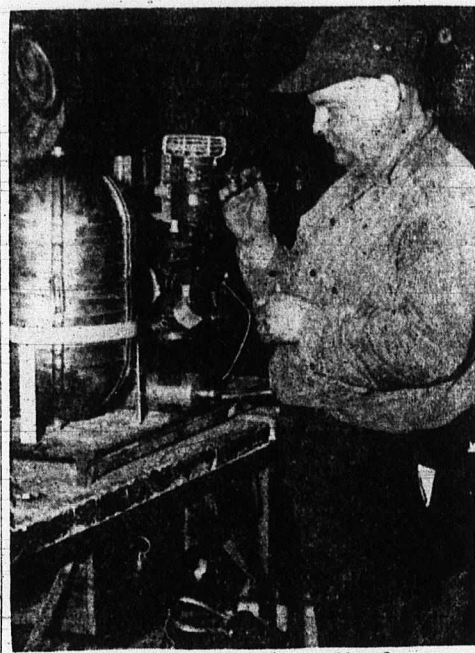
Through the kindness of Rev. Joseph Sheeran, chaplain, and the kindness of the Sisters and staff of St. Bernard Hospital in Chicago, the feast of the Immaculate Conception was made memorable for Brother Joseph Minch of St. Joseph's community. The occasion was the Silver Jubilee of Brother Joseph's profession as a religious lay brother in the Society of the Precious Blood.

Festivities consisted of a Solemn High Mass of thanksgiving in the Hospital Chapel with Father Cleatus Dirksen '26, Charles Herber '24, Joseph Otte '32, and Joseph Sheeran filling the offices of celebrant, deacon, subdeacon and master of ceremonies, respectively.

In the middle '20's, Joseph Minch came to St. Joseph's for employment in the college powerhouse where he had ample opportunity to apply his talents and knowledge of electricity and plumbing.

Not satisfied, however, to be on the material payroll of the college, Joseph expressed his desire to be on the spiritual payroll of the community. In other words, he aspired to become a member of the Society of the Precious Blood under whose auspices the college operates, and, after due probation, he made his religious profession in the society, and thus became Brother Joseph Minch on Dec. 8, feast of the Immaculate Conception, 1928.

Since Oct. 11, Brother Joseph, due to a painful leg injury, is a patient in St. Bernard Hospital, Chicago.



Brother Joseph Minch

**Jim LeBel:** I am looking forward to seeing my family and my girl.

**Myron Slack:** Just decorating the Christmas tree.

**Bill Bercik:** I can't wait to go to the Chicago Theater with Mary Kay and see Frankie Laine.

**Chuck Hibner:** Well, I expect to get a buck if I have any luck.

**Jerry Apple:** I just can't wait to get home to study.

**Lou Bassetti:** I am looking forward to the three F's—food, fun, and freedom.

**Brian McCarty:** Wine, women, song, and more women.

**Jerry Fischer:** I just want to live a little after three months of solitary confinement.

**Jack Herakovich:** I am looking forward to Christmas because I like to ride trains.

**A Merry Christmas to all and to all a heck of a good time.—Ed.**

## Intramurals

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the Wahs meet the Rebels to determine the other two members of the semi-final round of play.

Some of the scores of the tournament to date are: Shieks 32, Buccaneers 31; Hungry Quintet 44, Aces 26; Wahs 47, All Stars 6; Father Falter Post 29, Fearless Five 26; and Comets 44, Beef Trusters 24.

Also, Blacksheep 63, Green Dev-

ils 23; Bulldogs 53, Mavorders 48; Hungry Quintet 45, Shieks 28; Wahs 26, Father Falter Post 25; Rebels 20, Samups 17; Basketeers 53, Shooting Stars 32; Rockets 34, Hound Dogs 26; Blacksheep 54, Comets 15; Wahs 35, Rebels 34; Basketeers 46, Rockets 20.

The top scorers of the tournament are Pete Fenlon of the Blacksheep with 40 points, Roy Meyer of the Basketeers with 27 points, and Dick Brann with 34 points.



Distinguished guests on the campus for the Good Neighbor banquet held on Dec. 9 are from left to right: Rev. Raphael H. Gross, Most Rev. John G. Bennett, Hon. Charles Halleck, Dr. Frank Sparks.



Ed Hebda examines Frank DeSana in a scene from "Home of the Brave." The prize winning play was presented by the Columbian Players on the evenings of Dec. 12 and 13 in the college auditorium.